

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

AN EIGHTY-SEVENTH-ST. MYSTERY.

A half-eaten body found in a dwelling-house. A quaint looking woman, apparently about 30 years of age, took possession, about five years ago, of the two-story and basement brick house, No. 135 East Eighty-seventh-st., which constitutes one of a row of neat and comfortable structures between Third and Lexington-aves. She was oddily attired in clothing of a rather antiquated pattern, but of costly material. Her manner was unknown, and her deportment was mysterious enough to excite the curiosity followed by a half dozen or more large vagrants filled with furniture, old in style, but expensive and substantial. After the strange, though not unusual, scene had been witnessed, the drivers were paid and departed, and the doors and shutters of the house were instantly closed. For a day or two no sound from within was heard except what might have been caused by the distribution and arrangement of the household goods, which included many queer-looking trunks, boxes, and barrels.

Peculiar as was the coming of the mysterious woman and those who watched, her habits of life were as reprehensible as the time of her appearance. She seemed to live entirely alone in the roomy chamber, which was reached by a flight of stairs, almost from the very moment of her arrival. She seldom came by day, but two or three times a week, late in the evening, when the streets were comparatively deserted, she was accustomed to leave her obscure home, in a stealthy manner, as seemed to those that saw her, with a small, tightly-covered market basket, returning after a brief absence, and entering with the same stealthy and evasive notice. Frequent attempts to enter the house were made, but she was so guarded that no one was able to get in. She was seen to steal forth at night, and was unknown to the neighbors. Visitors during the day were few, but after dark there often came a young man of about 20 years of age, of whom she spoke, during her rare appearances, as "my nephew, Byron." Her visitor was occasionally accompanied by an older, sometimes gray-headed, man, and all, as was his own inevitable habit, were accustomed to remain until late in the night.

About six weeks ago, the eccentric occupant of the house suddenly ceased her evening wanderings, and her dwelling seemed utterly deserted. The young man "Byron" called at his usual hour, and rang the door-bell. His summons, however, was unanswered, he repeated it, and again received no response. After repeated attempts to attract the attention of the so-called aunt, and receiving no reply, he applied to James M. Sheehan, a lawyer, who resides next door, for permission to pass through his house, in order to gain an entrance from the rear. Mr. Sheehan, however, like other residents of the vicinity, being suspicious of the occupant of the house, refused to do so. The young man, however, finally gained the entrance to the house, and found the body of a woman, which he carried to the police station.

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INDIFFERENCE TO THE EXCISE LAW.

THE NEW EXCISE LAW NOT ENFORCED.

Yesterday, the police having received no special orders on the subject, the saloons accordingly did not average business, as usual. The proprietors say they shall go on as before, and will not be troubled by the new law. The proprietors say they shall go on as before, and will not be troubled by the new law.

THE CITY OF WASHINGTON'S PASSENGERS.

PORTLAND, July 12.—The steamer Falmouth

from Halifax, with the passengers from the wrecked steamer, City of Washington, is signalled.

A UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICER CHARGES THE

SHIP'S OFFICERS WITH MISMANAGEMENT AND

OBSTINACY—DELAY IN OBTAINING ASSISTANCE.

A special dispatch to the Boston Advertiser

from Halifax contains a statement by Brevet Lieut.-Col.

Parrott, U. S. A., a cabin passenger on the City of Wash-

ington, which the following are the main portions:

The ordinary system of publishing the ship's log

was observed, and every day the face of the sun was

noted, and the ship's log was published in the morning

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came apparent to many of the passengers that the

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